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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

ASHTON ET AL.

Serial No. 09/897,823

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For: DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT GARMENT HAVING HIGHLY EXTENSIBLE OPENINGS

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. A first Office action has not been received in the subject application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete and replace the designated paragraph with the replacement paragraph in clean form herewith submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii). The location of the paragraph to be deleted and replaced is identified on the page of the replacement paragraph in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(i). In addition, as required by 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii), this amendment is accompanied by another version of the replacement paragraph marked up to show the change relative to the previous version of the paragraph.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 23 through 38 provided on a separate paper included in this communication. The original filing included Claims 1 through 20. Claims 21 and 22 were added